

Regular Session, 2009

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 133

BY REPRESENTATIVE MONToucET

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to provide members of the legislature the opportunity to have increased input in the implementation of the annual Highway Priority Program.

WHEREAS, the people of the state of Louisiana are dependent on the system of roads and highways to provide transportation for work, education, commerce, recreation, and other vital activities; and

WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana has a highway priority program which governs construction, maintenance, and preservation of Louisiana roads and highways; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana Highway Priority Program is proposed by the Department of Transportation and Development, reviewed and approved by the Joint Highway Priority Construction Committee, and then is delivered to the Louisiana House of Representatives and the Louisiana Senate and is ultimately incorporated into the Capital Outlay Bill; and

WHEREAS, many legislators believe that the process for reviewing and approving the Highway Priority Program, as presently constituted, does not provide efficient opportunity for members of the Louisiana House of Representatives and members of the Louisiana Senate to express the needs and desires of the citizens of the state of Louisiana with regard to the Highway Priority Program; and

WHEREAS, elected representatives of the citizens of Louisiana do not have adequate opportunity to express the needs and desires of those citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation and Development should arrange the information in the report that it submits to the Joint Highway Priority Construction Committee in a manner by which that the information shows the proposal for the prior year, the progress made on each project in the proposal for the prior year, including funds

expended, right-of-way obtained, actual construction progress, and any other information which would benefit the members of the legislature.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to provide members of the legislature the opportunity to have increased input in the development of the annual Highway Priority Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the Resolution be transmitted to the secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE